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A REGULAR MEETING of the  
above Company will be held at the  
Victoria Preceptory and Priory,  
on MONDAY, the 26th February, at 8.30  
for 9 p.m. precisely. Visitors are  
cordially invited to attend.  
Hongkong, February 26, 1898.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COM-  
PANY, LIMITED.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Twenty-Ninth Ordinary Annual  
MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the  
above Company will be held at the  
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Hongkong, February 26, 1898.

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#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS  
are requested to send in a Statement  
of Dividends due during the Half-  
Year ended 31st December, 1897, on or  
before the 15th March, on which date the  
Accounts will be closed.  
By Order of the Board of Directors:  
THOS. I. ROSE,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 26, 1898.

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THESE FURNACES are specially adapt-  
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Smoke is reduced to a minimum and boiler  
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On and after the 1st February, the Price of Beef, Mutton, and Pork will be  
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Beef—Sirloin, Steak and Rib... 13 Cents per lb.  
Do. Soup Meat... 10  
Mutton—Leg and Chops... 10  
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THE HONGKONG BUTCHERY CO.,  
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Hongkong, 31st January, 1898.

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WILL dispatch VESSELS to the Undermentioned PORTS on the DATES  
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YOKOHAMA, &c.	Sunda	S. G. D. ANDREWS, R.S.A.	At 5th March.
SHANGHAI, &c.	Thames	S. BARCHAM	About 5th March.
YOKOHAMA, &c.	Rosetta	E. P. BISHOP	Daylight, 6th March.
LONDON, &c.	Japan	T. LEIGH	About 15th March.

\* See Special Advertisement.  
For Freight or Passage, and further Particulars, apply to  
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A Covered Way has been constructed from the Station to the Hotel.  
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We are just in Receipt of New Goods for the coming Season of  
THE BEST QUALITY ONLY.

They include:—THIN FLANNEL TWEEDS, CASHMERE, &c., for  
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Hongkong, February 26, 1898.

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has to run backwards and keep off the pursuit by the other by hitting him on the bare chest with his open palms. If he can give him three fair hits before the other succeeds in stopping him by "collaring" him, he is the winner. As in wrestling, he wins and vice versa. Then they change over, and play the best of three. It is a fine rough game, requiring a great deal of activity and skill and strength, and a great deal of good temper.

Anyone taking a stroll round Kowloon on a Sunday afternoon in the summer may usually see the men of the Hongkong Regiment playing this game on the flat piece of ground between the barracks and the sea. It is a football, but it is quite correct in saying the game requires a great deal of good temper, and even if the game is less exciting for the spectator than our football and similar games, it is much more pleasant to see these fine big fellows enjoying themselves to their hearts' content.

**THE NEW CHINA LOAN:**  
In his share report of this date, Mr. Frick Georg writes of Bank shares:—

Hongkong and Shanghai opened rather quiet on Monday with cash sellers at 173 per cent. prem., but the news of the conclusion of a £16,000,000 loan with the Chinese Government by the Hongkong

and Shanghai Banking Corporation and the Deutsch Asiatische Bank at a rate of interest of 4½ per cent. has created a strong demand for the stock, locally, from the North and the Coast ports, and a very considerable business has been done in the shares of our great local Bank at rapidly rising rates; so far, the highest points that have been paid are 183 per cent. prem.

cash, 186 per cent. prem. for 31st March, and 183 per cent. prem. for 30th April; the demand continues, and there are buyers now at 184 per cent. prem. cash. The London rate is £45 ex dividend.

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**HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FIN-  
ANCE CO., LIMITED.**

The following is the report of the governing directors for the year ending the 31st December, 1897, for presentation to the shareholders at the twelfth ordinary annual meeting.

general meeting of the Company, to be held at the Registered Offices of the Company, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central, at noon on Saturday, 6th March:—

To the shareholders of Humphreys Estate and Finance Company, Limited.

Gentlemen,—We beg to lay before you our report and balance sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1897.

The net profit for that period, including \$619.29 brought forward from last account, amounts to \$18,934.68, out of which we propose to pay a dividend of 6 per cent. for the year, and carry forward \$334.68 to the credit of new profit and loss account.

The accounts have been audited by Mr Fullerton Hauderson, who offers himself for re-election.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
Governing Directors,  
Hongkong, 24th February, 1898.

**CORRESPONDENCE.**

**THE KOWLOON FERRY SERVICE.**  
To the Editor of the 'CHINA MAIL.'

Kowloon, February 26.

Sir,—Why all this fuss about the Ferry Service? Can't the Kowloon residents recognise and see that they have to deal with a monopolist, who might have put up the fares for ticket-holders to \$10 instead of \$5 if he had cared to? They ought to be jolly glad he hasn't, and if they say much more he might!

It seems to me the ticket-holders will

have to lump it. They have three courses open to them—

1. Pay up and look happy)
2. Travel by sampan or hire their own launches,
3. Travel in the class that suits their pockets.

If they choose to travel first-class they must often pay for it. Mr Dorabjee is not a blooming philanthropist, and wants to make as much out of his excellent ferry

The newspaper is a great institution. In addition a huge war, law, justice, education

papers for a very long time, and now they are turning it to business purposes. Here is what is displayed in big type in the *Courrier* (—'Le Sieur Ulysse Leriché est un lâché.' This is signed G. Preiro, and makes a very fetching advertisement. Unfortunately here in Bangkok we cannot

open our columns to anyone who wishes to advertise his opinion of his neighbours, but when a Siamese starts a newspaper it should have a great future if he encourages that sort of thing. M. Leriche is

the editor of the *Mekong*, and he is a rather trying individual, but apparently he is giving up duelling, which is sensible at least. — *Bangkok Times*.

ng his newspaper on the morning of an  
clipse. By degrees the light faded and  
everything assumed a greenish hue. 'Con-  
found it all,' exclaimed this excellent Field  
Officer, 'liver out of order again!' And  
he sent for his favourite pill-box, took

three of the best and went on reading his paper with a sense of resignation. Gradually the light became stronger; the furious sickly hue passed away. The Major rubbed his eyes; there was no mistake about it: "Very funny,"

...about it.—'Very funny,' said he, 'I have not swallowed the pills a quarter of an hour and I can see all right; it's devilishly queer.' He tapped himself violently in the costal region on the right side. 'What's up, Major?' asked a sub-

altern. The Field Officer related his experience. The subaltern laughed. He had never before heard of a man taking pills to work off a solar eclipse. This is a true story. So says the Civil and Military Gazette.

**OLANKE'S B 41 PILLS** are warranted to cure, in either sex, all required or constitutional Discharges from the Urinary Organ, Gravel, and

same in the bath. Free from Mercury. Estimated upwards of 80 years. In boxes 4s. 6d. each, of all Chemists and Patent Medicine Vendors throughout the World. Proprietors: The LINCOLN AND MIDLAND CLOTHING CO. LTD. 100, NEWCASTLE STREET, LINCOLN, ENGLAND.

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